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SUBJ: ARAB LABOR CONFERENCE FOR SUPPORT OF PALESTINIANS

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1. INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF ARAB TRADE UNIONS (ICATU) SECRETARIAT ANNOUNCED JULY 20 THAT TRIPOLI CONFERENCE TO SUPPORT PALESTINIANS (REFTEL) HAD IN FACT BEEN IN WORKS BUT HAS BEEN CANCELLED AS RESULT CONFUSION IN TRIPOLI, SECRETARIAT REPORTEDLY RECEIVED "SUPRISING" CABLE FROM HEAD OF LIBYAN LABOR FEDERATION" APOLOGIZING" FOR BEING HOST OF CONFERENCE. THIS MESSAGE FOLLOWED QUICKLY BY ANOTHER TELEGRAM FROM FEDERATION SEC GEN INVITING CONFERENCE PREPCOM TO MEET IN TRIPOLI AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. NOTING CONFUSION, SECRETARIAT DECIDED TO POSTPONE CONFERENCE ALTOGETHER AND REFER MATTER TO MEETING OF ARAB LABOR UNION HEDS.

2. AS RELATED DEVELOPMENT, CAIRO PRESS REPORTS THAT LIBYAN LABOR FEDERATION HEAD FIRED BY QUADHAFI, PRESUMABLY FOR LACK OF PROPER SPIRIT.

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3. IT STILL UNCLEAR WHETHER OR NOT ICATU HAD EVER FIRMLY
COMMITTED ITSELF TO HOLD SUCH A CONFERENCE. ICATU
ANNOUNCEMENT IS FIRST MENTION HERE OF SUCH A MEETING AND
OUR CONTACTS STILL PROFESS IGNORANCE OF ANY EGYPTIAN
INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE.
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